recognition of said feature;

an intelligent controller having associated therewith a means for accessing said programming material in response to receiving said coded signal; and a display unit for presenting said programming material.

- 169. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a license.
- 170. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a registration.
- 171. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a passport.
- 172. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a visa.
- 173. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a Green Card.

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- 174. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a license plate.
- 175. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a tag.
- 176. A system as defined in claim 175 wherein said tag comprises an inspection tag.
- 177. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a decal.
- 178. A system as defined in claim 177 wherein said decal comprises a parking permit.
- 179. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a social security card.
- 180. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a health insurance card.

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- 181. A system as defined in claim 180 wherein said health insurance card comprises a Medicaid card.
- 182. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a document produced by a government agency.
- 183. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises an identification card issued by a government agency.
- 184. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a deed.
- 185. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises an invoice.
- 186. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a receipt.
- 187. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed

(11) Cendul IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE official document comprises a bill of sale.

- 188. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a report of a government agency.
- 189. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a library card.
- 190. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a newsletter.
- 191. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises an application form.
- 192. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a lottery ticket.
- 193. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a tax schedule.
- 194. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed

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official document comprises a tax withholding form.

- 195. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a tax payment form.
- 196. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said printed official document comprises a tax return form.
- 197. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature has associated therewith a data link which is recognized by said feature recognition unit.
- 198. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises an image data link.
- 199. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises a video data link.
- 200. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises a programming data link.

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201. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises a sound data link.

- 202. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises an online data link.
- 203. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises an online shopping data link.
- 204. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises a pictorial data link.
- 205. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises an electronic data link.
- 206. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises an electronic media link.
- 207. A system as defined in claim 197 wherein said data link comprises an "information superhighway" data link.

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- 208. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises the internet.
- 209. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises the world wide web.
- 210. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a computer network.
- 211. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an ISDN network.
- 212. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a telephone line.
- 213. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a CATV line.
- 214. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a local area network.

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215. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a wide area network.

- 216. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a data communications network.
- 217. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an Internet Product Service Directory.
- 218. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a globally based digital communications network.
- 219. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a wireless network link.
- 220. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a Wireless Application Protocol internet.

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221. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an ethernet network.

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- 222. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a RF cellular network.
- 223. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a bar code.
- 224. A system as defined in claim 223 wherein said bar code comprises a Universal Product Code.
- 225. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible bar code.
- 226. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a magnetic code.
- 227. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a printed character.

228. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a symbol.

- 229. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a pictorial icon.
- 230. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible indicia.
- 231. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a two-dimensional figure.
- 232. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an icon.
- 233. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible icon.
- 234. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a watermark.

235. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible watermark.

- 236. A system as defined in claim 235 wherein said invisible watermark comprises a digital watermark.
- 237. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a series of alphanumeric characters.
- 238. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a binary code.
- 239. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a digital watermark.
- 240. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a magnetic strip.
- 241. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one

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machine recognizable feature comprises a code.

- 242. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an online shopping product code.
- 243. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a home shopping product code.
- 244. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an online shopping service code.
- 245. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a home shopping service code.
- 246. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an analog pattern.

- 247. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a hieroglyphic character.
- 248. A system as defined in claim in 168 wherein said programming material comprises information.
- 249. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises information about an individual identified by said printed official document.
- 250. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises a "background check" of an individual identified by said printed official document.
- 251. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises information about an organization identified by said printed official document.
- 252. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises a "background check" of an organization identified

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by said printed official document.

- 253. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises information about an individual issuing said printed official document.
- 254. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises information about an organization issuing said printed official document.
- 255. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises information about a product associated with said printed official document.
- 256. A system as defined in claim 248 wherein said information comprises information about a service associated with said printed official document.
- 257. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said programming material comprises a service.

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258. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service includes displaying promotional programming on said display unit of said user.

- 259. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service includes conducting an interaction with said user via a telephone.
- 260. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service includes conducting an interaction between a plurality of users via an online communication chat link.
- 261. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service comprises engaging in an application process.
- 262. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service comprises engaging in an examination process.
- 263. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service comprises renewing said printed official document.

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- 264. A system as defined in claim 257 wherein said service comprises a virtual visit to an organization issuing said printed official document.
- 265. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a personal computer.
- 266. A system as defined in claim 265 wherein said personal computer comprises a laptop computer.
- 267. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a television.
- 268. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a device containing a microprocessor.
- 269. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said device containing a microprocessor is hand-held.
- 270. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said device containing a microprocessor is portable.

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- 271. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a personal digital planner.
- 272. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an internet appliance.
- 273. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a cellular telephone.
- 274. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a wireless communication device.
- 275. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a simulated book.
- 276. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an intelligent terminal.
- 277. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a web-based television.

- 278. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a pager.
- 279. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an Internet-enabled telephone.
- vinit is selected from a group consisting of a hand-held unit, a scanner, a bar code scanner, an optical code reader, an optical reader, a personal camera, a personal computer reader, a digital camera, a digital mouse and an optical mouse.
- 281. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a personal computer.
- 282. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a wireless interface.
- 283. A system as defined in claim 282 wherein said wireless interface comprises a wireless network.

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- 284. A system as defined in claim 283 wherein said wireless network comprises a cellular network.
- 285. A system as defined in claim 282 wherein said wireless interface comprises a cellular telephone.
- 286. A system as defined in claim 282 wherein said wireless interface comprises a pager.
- 287. A system as defined in claim 282 wherein said wireless interface comprises a wireless personal computer.
- 288. A system as defined in claim 282 wherein said wireless interface comprises a personal digital assistant.

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- 289. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a personal digital assistant.
- 290. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit is linked to an Internet appliance.

291. A system as defined in claim 200 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a television set.

- 292. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a cellular telephone.
- 293. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a personal digital assistant.
- 294. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a remote control unit.
- 295. A system as defined in claim 280 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a handwriting implement.
- 296. A method of providing a user access to programming material, comprising the steps of:

imprinting a machine recognizable feature within a printed official document;

scanning said machine recognizable feature of said printed official document; and

transmitting data associated with said machine recognizable feature via a communication link to access said programming material, wherein said programming material is related to said printed official document.

- 297. The method of claim 296 wherein said communication link includes the Internet.
- The method of claim 296 wherein said machine recognizable feature is selected from a group consisting of bar code, universal product code, invisible bar code, magnetic code, printed character, symbol, icon, invisible indicia, two-dimensional figure, icon, invisible icon, watermark, invisible watermark, digital watermark, series of alphanumeric characters, binary code, digital watermark, magnetic strip, code, analog pattern, and hieroglyphic character.
- 299. A method of providing a user access to supplemental programming material associated with a printed official document, comprising the steps of:

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imprinting a machine recognizable feature within said printed official document wherein said machine recognizable feature has associated therewith a command sequence for accessing programming material;

scanning said machine recognizable feature within said printed official document and downloading data indicative of said machine recognizable feature via the Internet to a remote server;

accessing programming material from said remote server; and

transmitting said programming material to said user allowing said user to perceive said programming material in a humanly perceivable form, wherein said programming material is related to said printed official document.

300. The method of claim 299 wherein said programming material comprises multimedia.

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The method of claim 299 wherein said machine recognizable feature is selected from a group consisting of a bar code, a universal product code invisible bar code, magnetic code,

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